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'N'Ice move...

40th annual Plymouth Ice Festival set to return Feb. 11, 12 and 13

Better late than never and in the case of the upcoming Plymouth Ice Festival, even better a little later in the year.

The 40th annual event is set for Feb. 11, 12 and 13 this year rather than the traditional mid-January celebration of all things winter. Organizer James Geitzen of JAG Entertainment which produces the event said a number of factors prompted the schedule move, the most important being the weather and the current COVID epidemic. In his decade of producing the festival, he said he has seen years with temperatures too cold for crowds and years it was too warm for the ice carvings which prompted consideration of the move to February. The current COVID Omicron statistics, too, may have lessened within the next weeks, something Geitzen and his crew are hoping happens.

Geitzen added that organizers learned a lot during the festival last year when the pandemic was raging and then temperatures impacted the ice, along with rain.

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"Last year, because of COVID, we spread the ice carvings out throughout the downtown," he said, "and people seemed to really enjoy that. The merchants in town, too, were happy with the response from the crowds. The festival really made a positive impact on the entire community last year at a time when people needed a break.

"We got so much positive feedback from everyone involved last year," he added. "It was a good experience for everyone."

Geitzen said that positive response from both merchants and crowds was a real inducement to move the event this year. Using the entire downtown area leaving space between the outdoor sculptures will provide an added level of safety for visitors.

"People need to get out. We've all sort of been locked up for so long," Geitzen said. "This is safe, it's outdoors and it's fun for the whole family. I think it's people's nature to want to get outside and this festival gives people a chance to remember all the good things about being outside and the good things still going on in the community despite the virus."

He added that the festival would be safe, no matter what the COVID levels might be because it was outdoors and people could determine their own level of contact.

"We suggest wearing a mask, too, depending on the numbers, but people will have that choice since we are outside on the public sidewalks and the sculptures distanced."

There will be a few larger ice sculptures in Kellogg Park as usual, but even those will be further apart to ensure safety. Those won't be the huge carvings the festival has sometimes featured as the professional carvers will be concentrating on smaller, more unique and intricate sculptures throughout town. Those will be displayed in front of businesses and attractions throughout downtown. Geitzen said at this early date, he estimates a total of 80 to 100 sculptures.

The Gathering will again host the Hot Spot where visitors can warm up and enjoy the festival food from the vending trucks which will be on site. The Petting Farm for children will be back this year along with several family attractions.

"Last year, during the pandemic, so many people came out and the businesses got the shot in the arm they really need at this time of year. I think this festival makes a positive impact on the community at a time they really need it," Geitzen said.

The proximity to Valentine's Day and the "big" football game aren't lost on Geitzen, either. "It's perfect for couples to come to the festival and see the ice before they celebrate the holiday," he said. "And families can visit the festival before they go to watch the game on Sunday."

Plymouth community mourns death of Jim Jabara, 93

The Plymouth area is mourning the death of one of the most beloved and dedicated city activists in the community.

Jamiel (Jim) Jabara, 93, died Sunday, Jan. 16, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia where he had been battling several health problems.

Mr. Jabara, a civil engineer, moved to the Plymouth community in 1960 with his late wife, Jean, and two sons. Mr. Jabara subsequently served on nearly every city committee, advisory board, civic and business group and commission in addition to his eight-year term as mayor of the city. His list of accomplishments and contributions to the community was acknowledged last year when he was honored with the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement.

Mr. Jabara was considered a treasured resource in the city and on his birthday Jan. 13 a group of local businessmen and friends arrived at the hospital where he was in care to help him celebrate. Their somewhat boisterous arrival drew the negative attention of hospital security forcing the celebration to take place near the hospital front door where Mr. Jabara was wheeled by staff.

Tributes and accolades for Mr. Jabara poured in calling him "a treasure in the community" and lamenting his death as a loss for the entire community. Officials and business leaders throughout the area recalled the positive impact he made in the community throughout his career.

Mr. Jabara was inducted into the Plymouth Hall of Fame in 2000 where his list of contributions to the community were recorded in the Congressional Record of the United States Senate.

Mr. Jabara was the original organizer of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth where he remained active. He served as the first president of the group beginning in 1966.

He was active with Boy Scout Troop 1531 at Bird School; the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the YMCA during his early years in the community. In 1963, he was named as Man of the Year by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce and was also elected to the Plymouth City Commission that year. He was one of the youngest commissioners ever elected in the city.

He served as mayor of the city from 1964 until 1972 and then returned to serve an unexpired term on the commission in 1986. He is credited with securing the financing necessary renovate the South Main Baptist Church building into the offices of The Salvation Army where the organization remains today. His uncanny ability to find solutions to unwieldy problems was legendary in the community where he was known to always "know someone" or be able to "take a look at" a situation. It was Mr. Jabara's involvement and typical soft-spoken approach that is credited with improving a fractious relationship between officials from the city and the township in the 60s.

Jim Jabara

He was the chairman of

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Romulus

Councilwoman questions police department promotions

Recent promotions in the Romulus Police Department prompted some criticism and questions from Councilwoman Virginia Williams during the regular meeting of the council Jan. 10.

Mayor Robert McCraight and Police Chief Robert Pfannes announced the promotion of Capt. Derran Shelby to deputy chief last week. Jason Otter was promoted from corporal to the rank of sergeant and Monique Talley was named as the new assistant to the chief. McCraight's Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko mentioned the promotions during the Jan. 10 council meeting as the as the mayor was absent.

Council members had been notified of the promotions in a communication prior to the meeting, Williams acknowledged, but said she was "shocked" at the way the information came to her.

"In my opinion," Williams said, "we have survived without a deputy chief for eight years. My concern is having more police officers on the road and my greatest concern with our police is that we spend any funds or any grants pertaining to the police department into that old court." Williams said that she has been in the police department building several times and "it's not a good place." She said there was a leaking roof and a concern about black mold at the current police headquarters.

"The mayor should be looking into that," she said. She added that when the public safety millage in the city was approved it was an effort to better the police and fire departments and while the city has made improvements in the fire department, "we need to do some things pertaining to the police."

"I just don't think it was the right time, especially with the situation going on with our residents and businesses. Our city is just not big enough for that. In the last eight years we made it without it. I just don't agree," she said.

Williams then questioned the financial impact of Shelby's promotion. Wojtylko responded that the changes "will require a change in structure as far as his payroll," but suggested that rather than discuss an individual at the meeting Williams speak directly to police chief or mayor.

"The mayor believed this was a warranted change and our goal is always to have more officers on the street," she said.

"The council has approved the hiring of four more officers, and we will be hiring more after that," she reminded Williams.

Councilman William Wadsworth addressed the issue noting that he felt that Shelby was exceptionally qualified for the job. Shelby was promoted to the rank of captain in the department in 2011 and has 28 years of law enforcement experience, the last 23 at the City of Romulus.

Recently named Deputy Police Chief Capt. Derran Shelby, left, receives congratulations from Romulus Police Chief Robert Pfannes and newly-promoted Sgt. Jason Otter, at right. Named as assistant to the police chief was Monique Talley.

"This does not take an officer off the street," he said. Wojtylko assured the council that the change did not change the number of officers on patrol in the city.

Former councilman is mourned

Members of the Romulus City Council unanimously approved a resolution honoring Richard Yeramian who died Jan. 8 at his Romulus home.

Mr. Yeramian, 77, served as a member of the Romulus City Council from 1979 until 1981 and was one of the first members of the Romulus Township Police Department, according to his long-time friend, Councilman William Wadsworth.

Wadsworth requested the memorial resolution and told the members of the council that he and Mr. Yeramian had been friends since 1968 and were partners at the Wayne County Sheriff's department where they were both employed for many years.

Wadsworth said that Mr. Yeramian worked at the sheriff's department for 23 or 24 years and was one of his dearest friends.

"He was a father, a husband a grandfather, just a great guy," Wadsworth said.

Richard Yeramian

Among Mr. Yeramian's survivors are his wife, Michelle (nee Coffee); his children, Jennifer (Tiffany) Rod; Julie (Sean) Pierse, Shelly (Robert) Maples and Karra Yeramian; eight grandchildren; sisters Virginia (the late Mourad) Bagdasarian and Norma (the late Eddie) Astourian along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his dog, Cassie.

Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Sumpter Township, MI Employment Opportunity
EMPLOYMENT POSTING

Sumpter Township is currently accepting resumes for a professional **Township Administrator**. For a comprehensive list of qualifications and duties, please visit our Township WebSite at "www.sumptertwp.org", COMMUNITY/JOB OPENINGS for this position's links and additional information.

This full-time position offers a competitive compensation package (based on Qualifications & Experience) to include a highly-competitive benefits package such as medical, dental, optical and more. The Successful Candidate will have desired experience in Municipal Government and possess Credentials/Experience to ensure successful execution in this professional role.

Please submit application, resume and cover letter to ATTN: Sumpter Township Supervisor, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 21/22-10 Two Year Pricing - UPM Cold Patch
ITB 21/22-13 Two Year Pricing - Tires & Tire Services
ITB 21/22-14 - Three Year Pricing - Mulch

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, 2/10/2022. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(4) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time 2/10/2022, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(6) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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Sumpter Township
Virtual Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

PUBLIC NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting will be conducted virtually in compliance with the emergency declaration of the Wayne County Executive Order and Wayne County Department of Health regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 7:18 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer V. Warren (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 10 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Bowman to approve the Agenda with the following;.
ADD: *13. New Business, Agenda Item L.*
"Consider approval to appoint Trustee Rush as the Deputy Supervisor at the yearly pay rate of $8,804.00 to provide oversight of the Water and Building Departments with the term ending April 30, 2022."
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

4. Public Comments: None.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bowman to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the warrants total of $130,057.84 and the contract payout of Elle Cole O'Connell discussed during the workshop of 72 PTO Hours and 109.33 Vacation Hours. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Receive & Files:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Bowman to receive and file the following reports;

- Supervisor's Report
- Attorney's Report
- Police/Ordinance Report
- Building Report
- Fire Report

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

12. Board Response: None.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to reappoint Helen Teall to the Board of Review effective January 2, 2022 until January 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Bowman to approve to purchase the Bio Air System for odor remediation at corner location Sumpter & Willis Rds for a total cost not to exceed $98,552.73. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to purchase water meters and reader boxes from Ferguson Waterworks totaling $9,376.48. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of all outstanding/processed warrants to a date of December 31, 2021 close of business. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to direct the Clerk's Office to take all necessary actions for the purposes of BS&A payroll and ADP payroll activities until January 12th, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to opening the Township Hall and the Treasurer's office for residents to pay taxes on Thursday, December 30th, 2021 from the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of contract with Elle Cole-O'Connell for contract finance & accounting-related services (submitted by Attorney Rob Young) at the rate of $95.00 per service hour, effective December 1st, 2021 until February 28th, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: Clerk E. Hurst and Trustee LaPorte. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to move supervision of the Water Billing Clerk to the Treasurer's Office due to the vacancy in the Deputy Supervisor position. Roll call vote:

Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve to modify Parks & Recreation Ordinance, Section 16-32 to the new language in the attached documents per Parks & Recreation and the Sumpter Township Police Department recommendations. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bowman to hire Nicholas Johnson as a full-time police officer contingent on him passing a physical, psychological examination and drug test. Will start at the six-month pay rate. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy for a PD three-year agreement with Power DMS at a total cost of $13,321.55. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

L. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bowman to approve to appoint Trustee Rush as the Deputy Supervisor at the yearly pay rate of $8,804.00 to provide oversight of the Water and Building Departments with the term ending April 30, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Recusal Requested by Trustee Rush. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:
- Trustee LaPorte confirmed that this evening's meeting is the final meeting of the year for 2021!
- Trustee Morgan wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday. Merry Christmas!

*Supervisor Bowman requested 30 seconds of silence to recognize the passing of former Trustee Don Swinson's father. The Board recognized, with fondness, many memories of Mr. Swinson and what he meant to his neighbors and community. He will be missed.

*The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and Employees wishes all a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year's!

15. Adjournment: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Nominations for Plymouth Whipple award are sought

Nominations are now being accepted in Plymouth for the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement.

The award is named in honor of Ruth Huston-Whipple, the first female elected Plymouth City Commissioner (1934-1949), first female mayor of Plymouth (1940-1942) and first female Wayne County Board of Supervisors member. She was a 1913 graduate of Plymouth High School and later worked as a teacher and debate coach at the school.

Mrs. Whipple fought against school policies that discriminated against married women and eventually left the district in protest. She remained, however, a leader in the Plymouth community, championing the improvement of inhumane conditions at a local juvenile detention center and addressing environmental and beautification concerns in the city. The purpose of the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement is to honor a community member who, like Ruth Huston-Whipple, has positively impacted the quality of life in the City of Plymouth through his or her exceptional civic and/or philanthropic engagement in the community above and beyond reasonable expectations; demonstrated character, commitment and/or leadership qualities; actively participated in community or civic organizations whose sphere of influence falls within the City of Plymouth and exemplified accomplishments and contributions to the economic vitality and/or residential quality of life in the City of Plymouth.

> *Past Ruth Huston-Whipple Award Winners were Debra Madonna in 2020 and Jim Jabara in 2021.*

Nominees must have demonstrated engagement, leadership and achievement over a period of time. A person nominated must have demonstrated civic and/or philanthropic engagement within the City of Plymouth. Examples of impact should show a community benefit, delivered with integrity and perseverance. Married couples can be nominated although past Ruth Huston-Whipple Award recipients, current members of the Plymouth City Commission and full-time employees of the City of Plymouth are not eligible to be nominated.

The nomination period closes April 30 of each year when a selection committee comprising two mayor-appointed city commissioners and a representative from the City of Plymouth administration will select and notify the winner(s).

The nomination form is available at plymouthmi.gov/nomination.

Past Ruth Huston-Whipple Award Winners were Debra Madonna in 2020 and Jim Jabara in 2021.

Bingo and Brunch event returns to The Summit in Canton

Bingo and brunch in pajamas is being offered from 9 until 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 29 at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township.

The family event will include at least 10 games of bingo, a preboxed continental breakfast, as well as have a chance to win prizes. Brunch will feature pancakes, eggs, and sausage from Maraschinos Pub of Canton, with coffee provided by Sweetwater's Coffee & Tea, also of Canton.

There will be an additional outdoor session from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot for those who want to play bingo using the car radio.

"We're excited to bring back BINGO and Brunch to give everyone a chance to get out, have fun, and enjoy a few games of bingo," said Recreation Specialist Chelsea Straub. "We're offering two ways to participate, either inside our Banquet Center or during our parking lot session which provides a fun way to play from the comfort of your car."

Per person fees are $8 for Canton residents and $10 per person for non-residents. Preregistration is required. Ticket sales are currently under way but will only be available until 5 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 21. Sign up today at www.cantonfun.org/register or call (734) 394-5460.

Library now offers automatic renewal of borrowed material

The new year should bring a lot less stress to many patrons of the Plymouth District Library with the new auto renewal program.

Starting this month, any Plymouth District Library item that is due and eligible for renewal will be automatically renewed one day prior to the due date, library officials said. Patrons will receive an email notice with details on which checkouts were automatically renewed.

Library officials said the auto-renewal program will allow patrons additional time to enjoy their materials if no one else is waiting for them; reduce the burden of fines for late return of renewable items and facilitate an easier renewal process on the majority of items for both patrons and staff.

"We are so pleased to offer this convenience to our patrons," said Library Director Shauna Anderson. "This move is in keeping with the library's values of generosity, collaboration and comfort and supports our goal to promote equity across our community."

Eligibility for auto renewal is based on several factors. The patron's account must be in good standing with under $50 in fines and the item may not have any holds/requests on it, she explained. Auto renewal is not available on items that cannot normally be renewed, such as new release movies, Lucky Day books, Cricut cartridges and book club kits.

Auto renewal is for Plymouth District Library items only and does not apply to items borrowed from other libraries through the MeL system. MeL items may be renewed by clicking on "My MeLCat" at https://mel.org, or by contacting the library for assistance.

Patrons may still renew Plymouth District Library checkouts on their own by accessing their account on the library website or by visiting or phoning the library. Patrons may also return items at any time and need not wait until the due date.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 03, 2022 for the following:

WATER MAIN REPAIR CLAMPS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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COPPER TUBING AND BRASS

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MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Belleville - Sumpter

Former finance director returns to Sumpter

The newest face at Sumpter Township Hall is a familiar one to residents and officials.

During the Jan. 11 meeting of the board of trustees, Scott Holtz was confirmed as the finance director for the township, a job he previously held for about two years. Holtz left the finance director position in the township for in 2019 for a job with Lenawee County.

Township officials have been aggressively attempting to fill the position for about 3 months, according to Interim Township Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush. Holtz' employment contract was approved by a 6-1 vote of the board members with Trustee Peggy Morgan casting the lone no vote.

Holtz, who served as finance director for Sumpter Township from October of 2017 until April of 2019, accepted a one-year, at-will employment contract at a base annual pay of $80,000, according to Rush. He said the salary and benefits offered to Holtz were exactly those the township had been included in advertisements seeking to fill the position. In the absence of a financial director, several duties had been transferred to other departments, so Holtz' ability to begin the new job immediately was another asset to his hiring, Rush noted.

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Trustee Matt Oddy was also strongly in favor of Holtz' return. He said that during his tenure, Holtz had done a good job and that having him return to the financial director's job would be an asset.

Rush agreed, noting, "This is a blessing for the township." He explained that both he and Township Clerk Esther Hurst had learned through social media that Holtz had left Lenawee County where he was the director of finance. Both he and Hurst were independently attempting to contact Holtz about the Sumpter Township position at the same time, he said.

When they discovered their mutual efforts, Rush said, he and Hurst joined forces to recruit Holtz.

"We called from township hall and put him on speaker," Rush said, and worked out the terms of his employment very quickly. Rush added that a formal interview with Holtz was "really unnecessary" because township officials are aware of his capabilities and experience.

Holtz served as Director of Finance for Lenawee County starting in May of 2019 and has also previously worked in municipal finance in Calhoun County and the City of Adrian. He also has previous financial management and reporting experience with several colleges and universities. He earned his degree in accounting in 1998 at Adrian College.

Community Chorus begins spring concert rehearsals

The award-winning Belleville Community Chorus members will continue their 15th season with rehearsals for the Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

All singers are invited to join the chorus, whether new to the group or those who have sung with them in the past. The group welcomes those who sing soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or those who are not really sure. One caveat - all unvaccinated individuals are requested to wear masks until the pandemic issues are resolved, a spokesman said.

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The Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. They perform a variety of choral music, for the enrichment, education, and enjoyment of their members and audiences in the surrounding communities.

Not a singer? The chorus can always use a few helpful folks who would be willing to help coordinate the organization and work behind the scenes.

For more information, contact Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235 or claudiarou47@yahoo.com.

SMART bus service routes reduced by staffing shortages

Officials at SMART, have been forced to reduce service due to the spread of the omicron variant and COVID, according to a recent statement from the organization.

Officials said that about 20 to 25 percent of current service has been cancelled or delayed due to the lack of bus operators. While SMART staff members are updating daily service cuts/changes to real time arrival system they are also working to make changes to the existing bus schedule, officials said. "By scaling back service levels, riders will be assured of more reliable service to get to work or to other important destinations," according to a prepared statement from SMART.

In the meantime, officials request that all riders check a real time arrival app, such as Transit app, for trip information and to be patient with the bus operators working hard to ensure that everyone gets to their destinations safely.

Since the pandemic began, SMART has worked to maintain bus service and ensure that people are able to get to work, school, grocery, pharmacy and other essential destinations safely, according to officials. However, the worker shortage has left SMART down approximately 80 bus operators and the service is only able to operate at about 75 percent of pre-pandemic level.

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SMART officials have requested those who feel sick, or experience any flu, allergy or cold-like symptoms, to stay home. As required by the Federal Transit Administration, a mask is required for the entire duration of all SMART trips. Do not eat or drink while on the bus or participate in any other activity that requires the removal of your mask, they cautioned.

For more information, visit www.smartbus.org. Call customer care at (866) 962-5515 with new extended hours from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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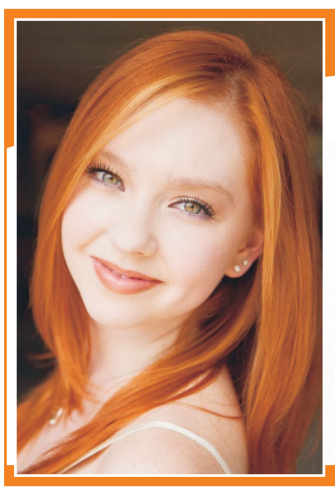

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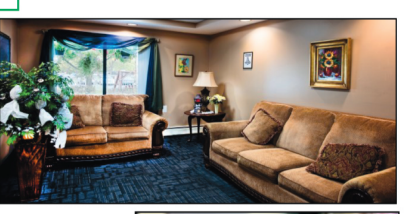

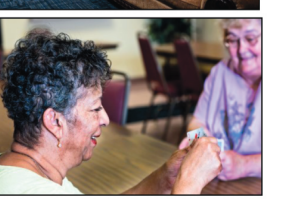

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Residents urged to check water pipe connections for lead

While results of later testing are pending, Inkster residents are being cautioned about the lead levels in drinking water.

In 2019 when 30 samples were studied as required by state law, four of the samples exceeded the action levels required and the city replaced the water lines in the area with new copper lines. In December of 2020, eight of 62 samples exceeded action levels and new copper water lines were installed in those areas. Results of 2021 required testing are still pending, officials said, although residents are warned of the possibility of excessive lead on all residential water bills.

Inkster residents are advised to determine if the service line into their homes is lead by checking the pipe connected to the residence water meter. Residents should gently scratch the pipe with a coin and if it appears to have a shiny, silver color and it won't hold a magnet, there's a high possibility it is lead, officials said. Copper doesn't hold magnets either, but that material has more of a penny-like color, they advised.

> *Residents are warned of the possibility of excessive lead on all residential water bills.*

To reduce lead exposure, Inkster residents are encouraged to run water for 30 seconds to two minutes if the home does not have lead service line. If the house or apartment does have a lead service line, residents are advised to run water for up to 5 minutes before use.

Do not use hot water for drinking, cooking or preparing baby formula, officials advised and reminded residents that boiling water will not reduce lead levels.

Officials also say human skin does not easily absorb lead, so unfiltered water can be used for showers, washing hands, dishes, laundry and cleaning.

Water filters are available by contacting the Inkster Department of Public Services (313) 563-9774.

The Play That Goes Wrong set to open Tipping Point season

The Play That Goes Wrong will take a series of mishaps, miscues and mayhem to the stage at Tipping Point Theatre next month.

The Play That Goes Wrong grasps on to the phrase "the show must go on" for dear life and refuses to release it from its death grip until the actors' final bow. People are knocked out, lines are forgotten and it seems the set is being held together by hot glue and wishful thinking. It's an actor's worst nightmare that just won't end - and audiences can watch it all happen from the comfort of ticketed seats.

"What's the worst that could happen?" Producing Artistic Director James Kuhl asked himself, "Aside from, you know, the things that are supposed to go wrong." The production features some hefty technical mishaps, including a second story platform falling. The theater seats just over 100 people in the intimate space adding some extra limitations to the technical feat the production requires.

> *What's the worst that could happen? Aside from, you know, the things that are supposed to go wrong.*

Tipping Point actors and producers are no stranger to pushing the limits of the space, however.

"Tipping Point likes to push things as far as we can and challenge the perceived restrictions of our space." Their 2018 production of David Lindsay Abair's Ripcord saw the staging of parachuting grandmas while their 2020 production of The 39 Steps featured not only a daring train chase, but an airplane chase as well.

Tipping Point Theatre will present the murder mystery that brings Murphy's Law to full and glorious life Feb. 3 - March 6. Tickets, priced at $26, can be purchased at tippingpointtheatre.com or by calling the box office at (248)-347-0003, with special discounts for seniors, military, students, and groups in need of some comedic healing. The actors may be struggling to keep it together safely on stage, but Tipping Point Theatre has COVID precautions in place to ensure the safety of everyone in the building. Proof of vaccination with a photo ID is required for those attending and everyone must wear a mask while inside the building, with the exception of the actors on stage. Seating is reduced to two thirds The complete COVID policy is available at www.TippingPointTheatre.com/covid19-policies.

Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St., Northville. For more information, call (248) 347-0003.

PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188** on the following proposed amendment to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

GREENLAND & SAJ MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - Consider request to establish a Planned Development District as permitted in Section 27.04 of the Zoning Ordinance on part of parcel no.: 71-073-99-0001-706 (49491 Cherry Hill Rd.). Property is located at the southwest corner of Cherry Hill Rd. and Denton Rd. Proposed use is a grocery store and bakery. This public hearing was originally scheduled for December 6, 2021, and the public hearing was postponed by the Planning Commission.

Public comments may be made during the meeting. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022. Written comments may be emailed to patrick.sloan@canton-mi.org or delivered to the Township Administration Building at 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Canton Township residents; the Canton Township Planning Commission will also offer this meeting by video teleconference.

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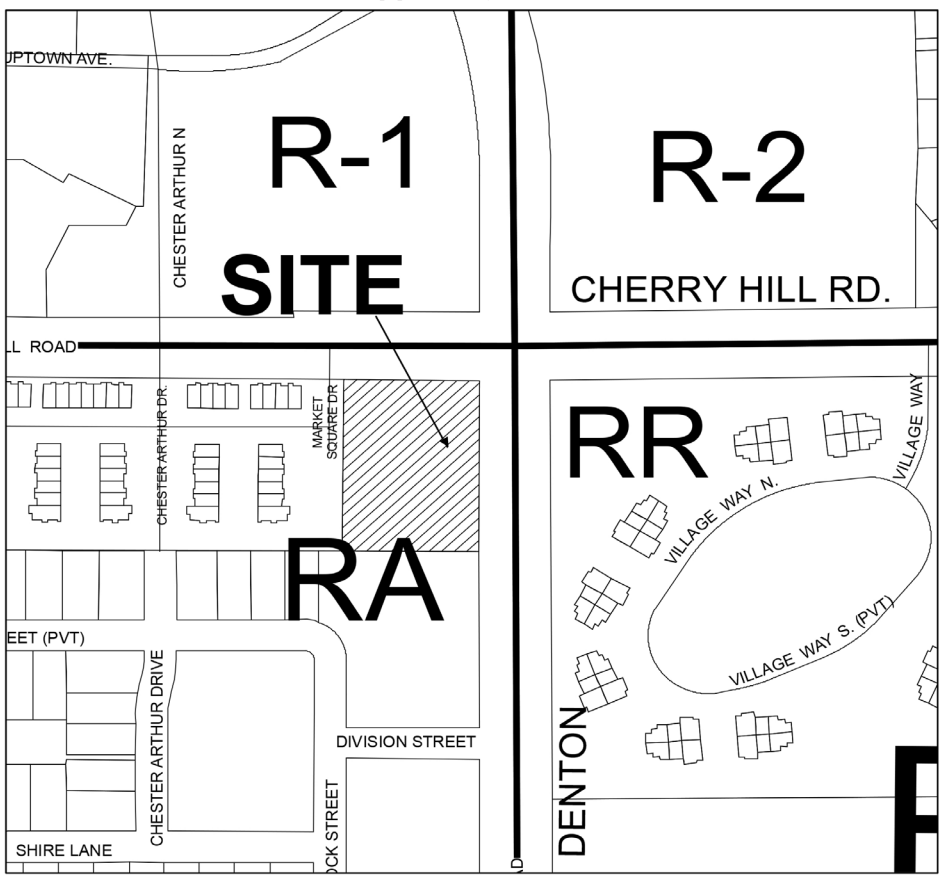

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MCPT MICHIGAN AVENUE LLC REZONING - Consider request to rezone parcels 71-128-99-0005-702 (47725 Michigan Ave.) and 128-99-0006-703 (47575 Michigan Ave.) from GI, General Industrial and C-3, Regional Commercial to C-3, Regional Commercial for both parcels. The parcels are located on the south side of Michigan Avenue and west of Beck Road.

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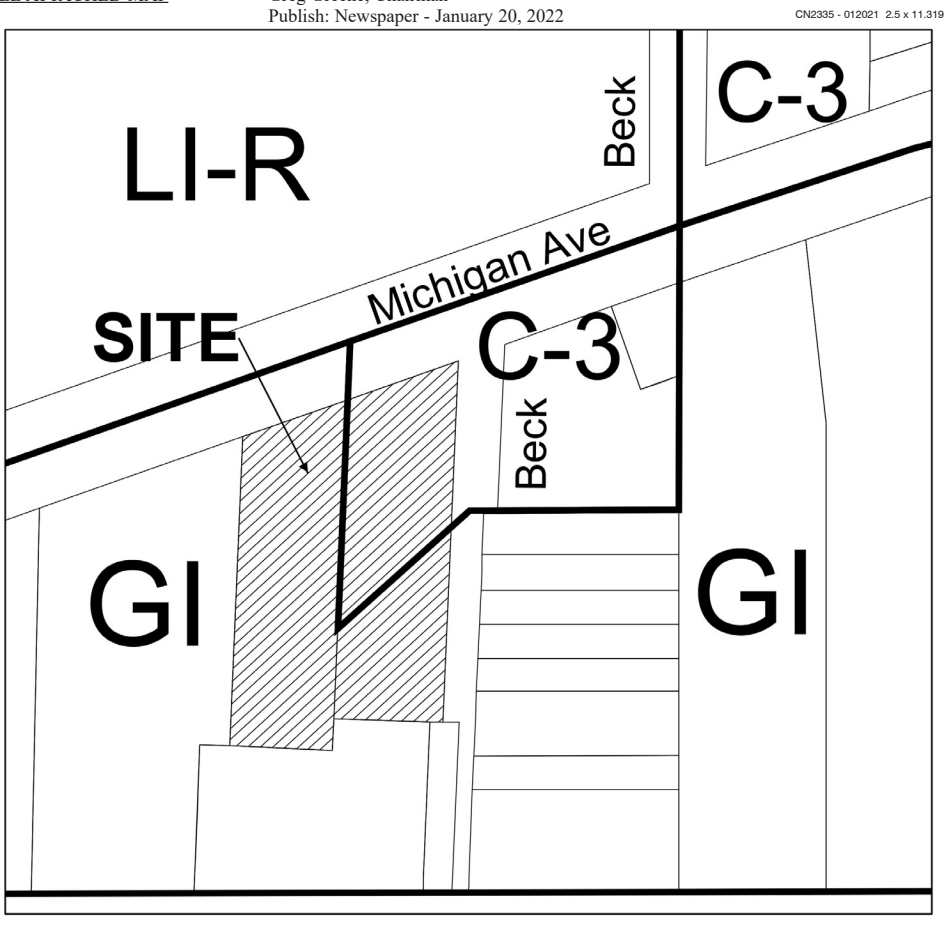

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Wayne - Westland

Mayor names 5 to city Parks and Recreation Council

Five residents have been reappointed to the volunteer Parks and Recreation Advisory Council in Westland. Members of the advisory council are appointed by the mayor to serve two-year terms.

John Albrecht has been reappointed to the advisory council. He has served on the council since November, 2019.

Also reappointed to the council by Mayor William R. Wild was Jessica West. Her term will expire Dec. 3, 2023. She, too, has served on the council since November, 2019.

Julie Slabaugh was reappointed to the advisory council and her term will expire on Dec. 31, 2023. She has served since first appointed in November of 2019.

Lashon Hart, who has served on the council since May of 2021, was reappointed to a term expiring Dec. 31.2023.

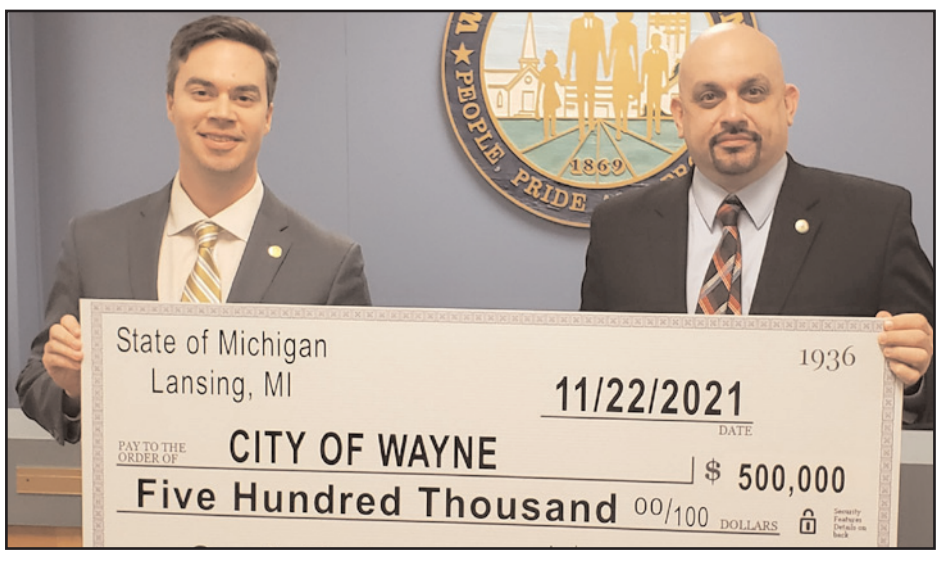
Also reappointed were Chris Galatis and Sheree Conn. Both appointees' terms will expire on Dec. 31, 2023. Galatis has been on the council since June of 2021 and Conn was first appointed in November of 2019.

"I look forward to working with Parks and Recreation Advisory Council in their new terms", commented Wild.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Council assists and advises the City with various agencies and programs, conducts outreach, enrollment, training, and orientation; development programs and activities, makes recommendations regarding the acquisition, development, and administration of properties with recreational activities.

Anyone interested in serving on a Westland board or commission can find a complete list of vacancies, information, requirements and explanations and an application on www.cityofwestland.com

For more information, contact Wild's office at (734) 467-3200.



Big time

Michigan State Representative Kevin Coleman, left, presents a mockup of a state check for $500,000 for improvements to the Goudy Amphitheater in the City of Wayne. Mayor John Rhaesa accepted the grant payment and also thanked State Senator Dayna Polehanki for her help in securing the funds to improve and renovate the city facility.

Accident witnesses are sought

Wayne police investigators are requesting help from the public in connection with a vehicle crash that took place in the early hours of Jan. 13.

According to police reports, officers responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident at about 3:16 a.m. Jan. 13 on Venoy Road near Parkhill, between West Michigan Avenue and Glenwood.

According to police reports, the driver of the vehicle which had rolled over, was transported to a local hospital by two unknown men. The driver, identified by police as a 43-year-old Detroit man, remains in critical condition.

Officers have asked anyone who witnessed the accident or who has information relevant to the investigation to contact Sgt. Robert Amore at ramore@cityofwayne.com or (734)721-1414. The case reference number is 220000512.

Jabara

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the 35th District Court Building Committee and served as a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors where he was the longest serving member. He also volunteered his time, fund raising and management skills to both the Plymouth Fall Festival and Ice Festival committees.

Mr. Jabara, who was raised in Mancelona, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He earned his engineering degree from Michigan Technological University in 1950, where he also later served on the board of directors. He earned his master's degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Michigan. He and his older brother, Kal, owned Plymouth Tank and Fabricating Co. Mr. Jabara was involved in numerous construction developments and businesses throughout the area during the past seven decades and his involvement had slowed only marginally in the past few years, friends said.

His good humor and gentle smile were a trademark of his character and respect he showed to those with whom he dealt on every level, they added.

"Take some, put some back," was Mr. Jabara's often quoted philosophy. In an interview last year, he explained that he believed in the vital importance of contributing to the community. He said he learned the value of that involvement from his father, a Lebanese grocer who offered credit to everyone in need during World War II, without expecting repayment. Mr. Jabara often said he lived by the principles of kindness and generosity he learned from his father.

"If everybody gave just a little bit, imagine what the world would be like," Mr. Jabara said during the interview last year.

Mr. Jabara practiced that philosophy and was a generous donor to many civic causes and charities. He was known, friends said, for his dedication to the greater good of the community and his gentle kindness along with his iron determination.

In addition to his many other altruistic memberships, Mr. Jabara was a member of both the Plymouth Men's Cooking Club and the Men's Book Club.

Mr. Jabara was the owner of J.M.J. Properties, a real estate development and management firm he founded in 1976. He spent his early career as a structural steel designer and also worked in sanitary engineering at Commonwealth Associates, Inc. He was co-owner and vice-president of Enviro-Fab from 1959 until 1976.

A common theme in tributes to Mr. Jabara was the loss of his unprecedented leadership in the Plymouth community.

Mr. Jabara is survived by his wife of 25 years, Anita, whom he married following the death of his first wife after 40 years of marriage. He is also survived by his two sons, Michael and Marty; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were not complete or available at press time.

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